

**Minutes of the Public Works Committee
July 23, 2009**

Chair David Swan called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Committee Members Present: County Board Supervisors David Swan (Chair), John Pledl, Peter Wolff, Pamela Meyer, Walter Kolb, Peter Gundrum. **Absent:** Pauline Jaske.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Ann Olson, Legislative Associate Karen Phillips, Budget Specialist Linda Witkowski, Principal Assistant Corporation Council Danni Caldwell, Interim Public Works Director Allison Bussler, Director of Administration Norm Cummings, Engineering Services Manager Gary Evans, Business Manager Betsy Crosswaite.

Approve Minutes of June 11, 2009

MOTION: Kolb moved, second by Pledl, to approve the minutes of June 11, 2009.

Motion carried: 6-0.

Correspondence

- Letters from Kirk A. Drusch to/from Acting Chief Daniel M. Meister of the Pewaukee Police Department RE: Traffic Concern – Watertown Plank Road & North Avenue
- Zoo Interchange newsletter, Spring 2009 issue

Future Meeting Date

- August 13, 2009

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 164-O-036: Approve Easement For Extension Of Underground Distribution Of Utilities To New Water Tower On UW-Waukesha Grounds

Caldwell distributed a map associated with this ordinance, titled "WE ENERGIES – EXHIBIT A". She explained this ordinance approves an extension of an existing easement to the Wisconsin Electric Power Company to provide service to the relocated water tower maintained by the Waukesha Water Utility on the ground of the UW-Waukesha campus. There will be no monies involved in the extension of the easement.

Wolff moved, second by Pledl, to approve Ordinance 164-O-036. Motion carried 6-0.

Review and Approve Bid Number 09-107: 10,000 Ton Salt Storage Facility

MOTION: Kolb moved, second by Pledl, to approve the bid by Salt Dome Corporation of North America in the lump sum amount of \$392,940.00 for the base bid and Alternate One (1) \$2,490.00 and Alternate Two (2) \$2,700.00 for a total of \$398,130.00.

Evans explained this project is being done at the request of the Department of Transportation. The salt domes are pre-engineered buildings. If approved, work would begin in mid August and be completed and filled by late September. There is a budget amount of \$500,000 from the State for the building and paving work. Evans stated it would be constructed on the Fleet/Maintenance grounds off of Grandview Blvd. The old sand shed will be taken down and the salt dome put in at that location.

Motion carried 6-0.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 164-O-029: Laying Out, Relocation And Improvement Of County Trunk Highway L - Waukesha County Project - Project I.D. 06-2380(13)(A), CTH Y To Moorland Road, Relocation - City Of Muskego, Waukesha County

Evans explained this ordinance identifies right-of-way acquisitions for the reconstruction of Janesville Road from Moorland Road to Racine Avenue. He distributed a map depicting the group of properties included in this first relocation order for widening of the roadway. The businesses and property owners have all been contacted and are aware of the plans. Evans stated this relocation order would allow negotiations to begin. It is a long process and probably will take a couple of years to complete all of the relocations. Evans continued to answer questions raised by the Committee members regarding the road project in general.

MOTION: Pledl moved, second by Gundrum, to approve Ordinance 164-O-029.
Motion carried 6-0.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 164-O-030: Approve Amendment To The 2009 Farm Service Agency Rental Agreement

Bussler explained this ordinance which approves an amendment to the lease for office space provided to the Farm Service Agency (FSA) for the year 2009. The lease is changed to increase the rent paid by the FSA from \$15.56 per square foot to \$16.26, or from a total of \$26,187 to \$27,366. This ordinance also approved a change to the required time for notice of lease termination from 120 days to 30 days. Bussler stated she believes that the FSA is considering forming a regional office in the future. Until then, the FSA will continue to be a tenant and pay the increased rate.

MOTION: Meyer moved, second by Pledl, to approve Ordinance 164-O-030.
Motion carried: 6-0

Discuss and Consider Resolution 164-R-004: Approve West Waukesha Bypass Memorandum Of Understanding

Bussler distributed and reviewed the handout titled *Location Map for Waukesha County Bypass*. She proceeded with a PowerPoint presentation, *Waukesha County – Waukesha West Bypass*. Bussler reviewed the history of this project, dating back to the 1950's, and the obstacles encountered over the years. Recent successful negotiations led to an agreement between the State, Waukesha County City of Waukesha and the Town of Waukesha, and the drafting of the Resolution to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Bussler explained the County responsibility as outlined in the MOU, as follows:

- Fund the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), estimated to take about 18 months to 2 years to complete, at an approximate cost of \$2 million.
- Contribute \$3 million toward the purchase of right-of way on newly constructed portion of bypass.
- Design, construct and fund bypass from WIS 18 to Northview Road (estimated \$3.6 million)
- Accept jurisdiction of WIS 74 from WIS 190 (Capital Drive) to Elder Lane
- Lead effort to resolve jurisdiction of remaining pieces of County D, TT and local roads among County, City and Town of Waukesha.

Bussler continued with a review of the State, City, and Town responsibilities, contingencies, cost breakdown, bypass agreement breakdown, and capital costs without an agreement, as outlined in the MOU. Once the EIS is completed, more updated estimated cost for the project would be determined (currently estimated at \$50.7 million). If the estimate exceeds this total, the County, City, and/or State may opt out per terms of the MOU agreement. Bussler assured the Committee members that the EIS would be good for as long as the conditions stay essentially the same (no major environmental change occurring). She cited an example of an EIS that was still valid after 13 years, requiring only a small update.

Evans continued to explain the routes on an overhead projected map and ran a video of the current County TT route from a driver's prospective.

In conclusion, Bussler reviewed the benefits to the traveling public, including reduced accidents and travel times. She stated there has been significant positive response from the public. While some additional maintenance costs are anticipated, the County will avoid significant capital investment on CTH TT.

Pledl moved, second by Wolff, to approve Resolution 164-R-004. Motion carried 6-0.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 164-O-032: Amend 2009-2013 Capital Plan And Modify The 2009 Capital Budget

Bussler stated this ordinance amends the Capital Plan to create a new capital project, Waukesha West Bypass, and modifies the 2009 Capital Budget to appropriate capital project fund balance of \$250,000 for the EIS study and design costs in 2009. It is hoped to begin the process for EIS by fall of this year.

MOTION: Wolff moved, second by Kolb to approve Ordinance 164-O-032. Motion carried 6-0.

Swan thanked Bussler and Evans for the informative presentation.

MOTION: Kolb moved, second by Gundrum, to adjourn at 9:42 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Wolff
Secretary